

Flintshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Flintshire County Council on Thursday, 23 February 2023

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
A1	Attendance and Apologies	<p><u>Present:</u> Councillors: Mared Eastwood (Chair), Mike Allport, Bernie Attridge, Glyn Banks, Pam Banks, Marion Bateman, Sean Bibby, Chris Bithell, Gillian Brockley, Helen Brown, Mel Buckley, Teresa Carberry, Tina Claydon, David Coggins Cogan, Geoff Collett, Steve Copple, Bill Crease, Paul Cunningham, Jean Davies, Rob Davies, Ron Davies, Adele Davies-Cooke, Chris Dolphin, Rosetta Dolphin, Carol Ellis, David Evans, Chrissy Gee, David Healey, Gladys Healey, Ian Hodge, Andy Hughes, Dave Hughes, Ray Hughes, Dennis Hutchinson, Alasdair Ibbotson, Paul Johnson, Christine Jones, Richard Jones, Simon Jones, Richard Lloyd, Dave Mackie, Gina Maddison, Roz Mansell, Allan Marshall, Hilary McGuill, Ryan McKeown, Billy Mullin, Debbie Owen, Ted Palmer, Andrew Parkhurst, Mike Peers, Michelle Perfect, Vicky Perfect, Carolyn Preece, David Richardson, Ian Roberts, Dan Rose, Kevin Rush, Dale Selvester, Jason Shallcross, Sam Swash, Linda Thew, Linda Thomas, Ant Turton, Roy Wakelam, Arnold Woolley and Antony Wren</p> <p><u>In attendance:</u> Chief Executive, Chief Officer (Governance), Chief Officer (Education and Youth), Chief Officer (Social Services), Chief Officer (Planning, Environment & Economy), Chief Officer (Streetscene and Transportation), Chief Officer (Housing and Assets), Corporate Finance Manager, Corporate Manager (People and Organisational Development), Corporate Manager (Capital Programme and Assets), Revenues and Procurement Manager, Strategic Finance Managers and Democratic Services team</p>
A2	Declarations of Interest	<p>During discussion on the Council Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24 (agenda item 6), Councillor Dennis Hutchinson declared a personal interest as a transport provider with a school contract.</p> <p>The following Members declared a personal interest on the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 (agenda item 10) due to closely associated people employed by the Council: Councillors Bernie Attridge, Chris Bithell, Mel Buckley, Andy Hughes, Dennis Hutchinson, Christine Jones, Hilary McGuill, Ted Palmer, Andrew Parkhurst, Kevin Rush and Dale Selvester.</p>
A2	Minutes	That subject to the amendments, the minutes of 13 December 2022 and 24 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.
A4	Petitions	None.

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A5	Council Fund Revenue Budget 2023/24 - Final Closing Stage	<p>(a) That the recommendations of Cabinet for balancing the budget for 2023/24 be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That the level of Council Tax for 2023/24 as recommended by Cabinet be approved.</p>
A6	Council Tax Setting for 2023/24	<p>(a) That the 2023/24 Council Tax be set as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>(b) That the continuation of the policy of not providing a discount in the level of 2023/24 Council Tax charges for second homes and long-term empty homes be endorsed. Also, where exceptions do not apply, to charge the Council Tax Premium rate of 75% above the standard rate of Council Tax for designated long-term empty dwellings and 100% for second homes from 1st April 2023; and</p> <p>(c) That approval be given for designated officers to issue legal proceedings and appear on behalf of the Council in the Magistrates' Court for unpaid taxes.</p>
A7	Treasury Management Strategy 2023/24, Treasury Management Policy Statement, Practices & Schedules 2023-26	<p>(a) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24 be approved;</p> <p>(b) That the Treasury Management Policy Statement 2023 to 2026 be approved; and</p> <p>(c) That the Treasury Management Practices and Schedules 2023 to 2026 be approved.</p>
A8	Minimum Revenue Provision - 2023/24 Policy	<p>(a) That the following be approved for Council Fund (CF):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in financial year 2023/24 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing fixed as at 31st March 2017. The calculation will be the 'annuity' method over 49 years. • Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2023/24 for

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		<p>all capital expenditure funded from supported borrowing from 1st April 2016 onwards. The calculation will be the ‘annuity’ method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the MRP in 2023/24 for all capital expenditure funded from unsupported (prudential) borrowing or credit arrangements. The calculation will be the ‘annuity’ method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits. <p>(b) That the following be approved for Housing Revenue Account (HRA):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA’s MRP in 2023/24 for the balance of outstanding capital expenditure funded from debt fixed as at 31st March 2021. The calculation will be the ‘annuity’ method over 50 years. • Option 3 (Asset Life Method) be used for the calculation of the HRA’s MRP in 2023/24 for all capital expenditure funded from debt from 1st April 2021 onwards. The calculation will be the ‘annuity’ method over an appropriate number of years, dependent on the period of time that the capital expenditure is likely to generate benefits. <p>(c) That MRP on loans from the Council to NEW Homes to build affordable homes through the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) (which qualify as capital expenditure in accounting terms) be approved as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No MRP is made during the construction period (of short duration) as the asset has not been brought into use and no benefit is being derived from its use.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the assets are brought into use, capital (loan) repayments will be made by NEW Homes. The Council's MRP will be equal to the repayments made by NEW Homes. The repayments made by NEW Homes will be classed, in accounting terms, as capital receipts, which can only be used to fund capital expenditure or repay debt. The capital repayment / capital receipt will be set aside to repay debt and is the Council's MRP policy for repaying the loan.
A9	Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24	<p>(a) That subject to the amendment, the appended draft Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24 be approved; and</p> <p>(b) That delegated authority be given to the Corporate Manager (People and Organisational Development) to update the Pay Policy Statement 2023/24 during the course of the year to reflect any changes required by legislation, Government policy or national negotiations so that it remains accurate and current.</p>
A10	Public Question Time	None were received.
A12	Notice of Motion	None were received.
A13	Questions from Members on Committee Minutes	None were received.